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INTRODUCTION

Golitsyno HF Communications Receiving Facility, USSR (55-35-45N 037-01-45E) is approximately 22 nautical miles (nm) southwest of Moscow and 2.5 nm southeast of Golitsyno (Figure 1). The principal components of this facility are 2 antenna fields with a total of 40 antennas arranged in radial patterns around each of 2 central control buildings and a road-served administration/support area.

Antenna azimuthal angles were derived from the irregular-shaped clearings in the forest. Poor photographic interpretability, poor delineation of the antenna clearings, and the wide diversity of the azimuths lead to the conclusions that all the antennas were not observed and that the azimuthal data within the required limits of plus or minus [redacted] is not possible. The azimuthal data is not better than plus or minus 5 degrees.

ANALYSIS OF FACILITY

The facility was first observed on [redacted] (Figure 2) in a very early stage of construction. One wing of the central control building at antenna site 1 was complete. At antenna site 2, the excavation for the central control building was apparent. The administration/support area contained approximately 25 buildings in various stages of construction. Evidence of antenna construction was not apparent; therefore, the facility was not operational in [redacted].

[redacted] revealed that the antennas had been erected (inferred from the clearings in the forest for the fishbone receiving antennas) and the control buildings at both antenna sites 1 and 2 were complete.

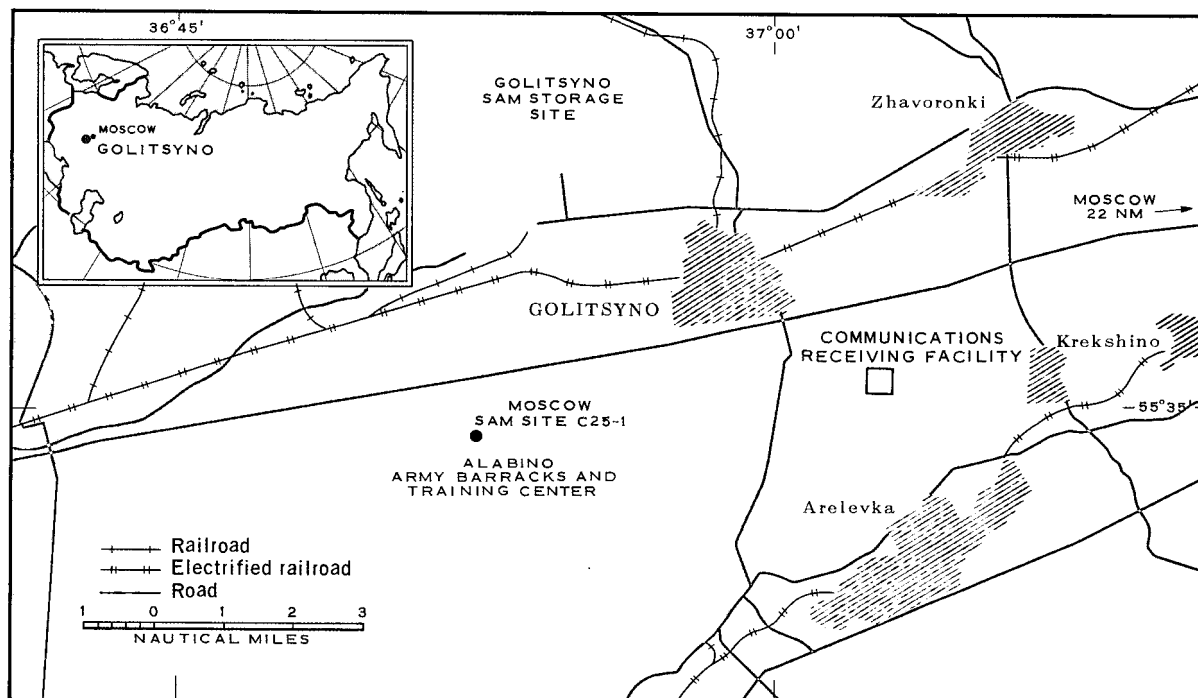


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF GOLITSYNO HF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVING FACILITY, USSR.

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Subsequent photographic coverage of the facility (Figures 3 and 4) revealed the following:

(A) Antenna site 1 contains 15 fishbone receiving antennas, 2 possible fishbone receiving antennas, and 1 single dipole antenna. The control building now appears L-shaped.

(B) Antenna site 2 contains 18 fishbone receiving antennas and 2 pairs of probable day-night rhombic receiving antennas. The walls of the central control building may possibly be earth backfilled.

(C) The administration/support area contains a total of 47 buildings of various sizes and functions. A small motor pool is on the northern edge of the area and is probably used for the storage of construction equipment and materials. Evidence of security fencing of the administration/support area and the antenna fields is not apparent.

Additional information on the antennas in

antenna sites 1 and 2 may be found in Table 1.

SUMMARY

Due to the diversity in sizes and poor azimuthal mensuration of the fishbone antenna clearings in the forest, it cannot be determined if a day-night capability exists. Evidence of paired antennas is questionable at both sites. Several evolutionary changes in antenna construction may have taken place at antenna site 2 in the northeast and southwest quadrants of the antenna field, as the forest clearings are quite irregular. The cleared area in the northeast quadrant appears to have one or more antennas which are not defined but are evidenced by the feeder traces from the central control building. Apparently, the facility has not been expanded and no additional antennas have been installed between

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Table 1. Golitsyno HF Communications Receiving Facility, Antenna Sites 1 and 2

| Antenna Number | Antenna Azimuth ± 5 Degrees | Antenna Type | Possible Correspondents | Possibly Paired With Antenna Number |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <i>Antenna Site 1</i> | | | | |
| 1 | | fishbone | Arkhangelsk | 8 |
| 2 | 60 | fishbone | Kirov or Lvov ^a | 13 |
| 3 | 70 | fishbone | Perm, Tyumen, and Novosibirsk | 12 |
| 4 | 80 | possible fishbone | Minsk, Smolensk | 11 |
| 5 | | fishbone | Undetermined | 16 |
| 6 | | fishbone | Penza | 15 |
| 7 | | fishbone | Murmansk or Voronezh ^a | 18 |
| 8 | | fishbone | Arkhangelsk | 1 |
| 9 | | fishbone | Sevastopol | -- |
| 10 | 205 | dipole | Orel | -- |
| 11 | 255 | fishbone | Minsk, Smolensk | 4 |
| 12 | | possible fishbone | Perm, Tyumen, and Novosibirsk | 3 |
| 13 | | fishbone | Kirov or Lvov ^a | 2 |
| 14 | | fishbone | Vilnius | -- |

^aThe primary direction of propagation may be toward either possible correspondent.

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Table 1. (Continued)

| Antenna Number | Antenna Azimuth ± 5 Degrees | Antenna Type | Possible Correspondents | Possibly Paired With Antenna Number |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| <i>Antenna Site 1. (Continued)</i> | | | | |
| 15 | | fishbone | Penza | 6 |
| 16 | | fishbone | Undetermined | 5 |
| 17 | | fishbone | Undetermined | -- |
| 18 | | fishbone | Murmansk or Voronezh ^a | 7 |
| <i>Antenna Site 2</i> | | | | |
| 19 | | fishbone | Plesetsk area | -- |
| 20 | | probable rhombic | Undetermined | 31 |
| 21 | | probable rhombic | Undetermined | 32 |
| 22 | | fishbone | Vladivostok area | 33 |
| 23 | | fishbone | Vladivostok area | 34 |
| 24 | | fishbone | Undetermined | 35 |
| 25 | | fishbone | Vilnius, Vitebsk | 37 |
| 26 | | fishbone | Undetermined | -- |
| 27 | | fishbone | Tallinn | 38 |
| 28 | | fishbone | Leningrad | 39 |
| 29 | | fishbone | Leningrad area or Tambov ^a | 40 |
| 30 | | fish bone | Voronezh, Stavropol or Tambov ^a | -- |
| 31 | | probable rhombic | Undetermined | 20 |
| 32 | | probable rhombic | Undetermined | 21 |
| 33 | | fishbone | Vladivostok area | 22 |
| 34 | | fishbone | Vladivostok area | 23 |
| 35 | | fishbone | Undetermined | 24 |
| 36 | | fish bone | Smolensk, Minsk | -- |
| 37 | | fishbone | Vilnius, Vitebsk | 25 |
| 38 | | fishbone | Tallinn | 27 |
| 39 | | fish bone | Leningrad | 28 |
| 40 | | fishbone | Leningrad area or Tambov ^a | 29 |

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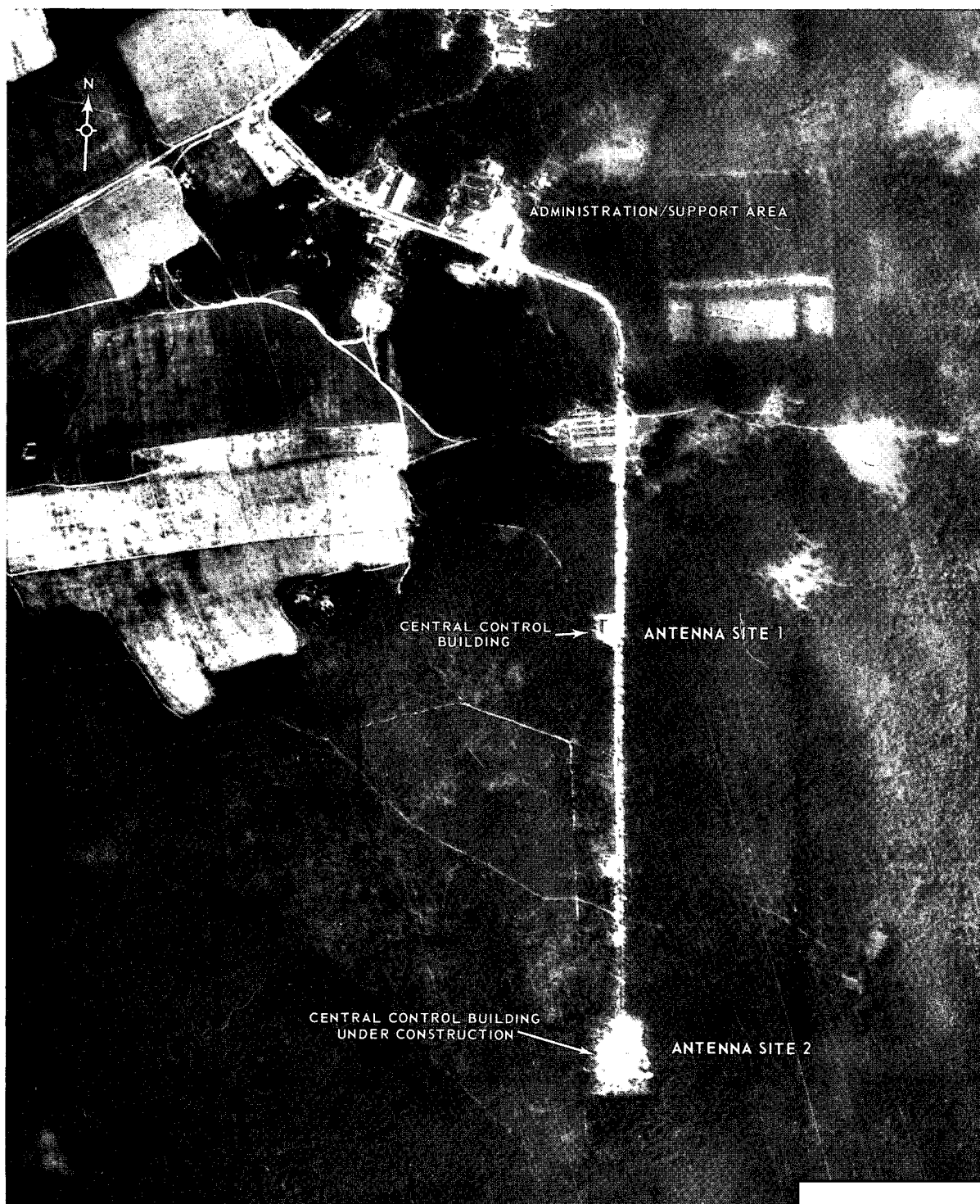


FIGURE 2. GOLITSYNO HF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVING FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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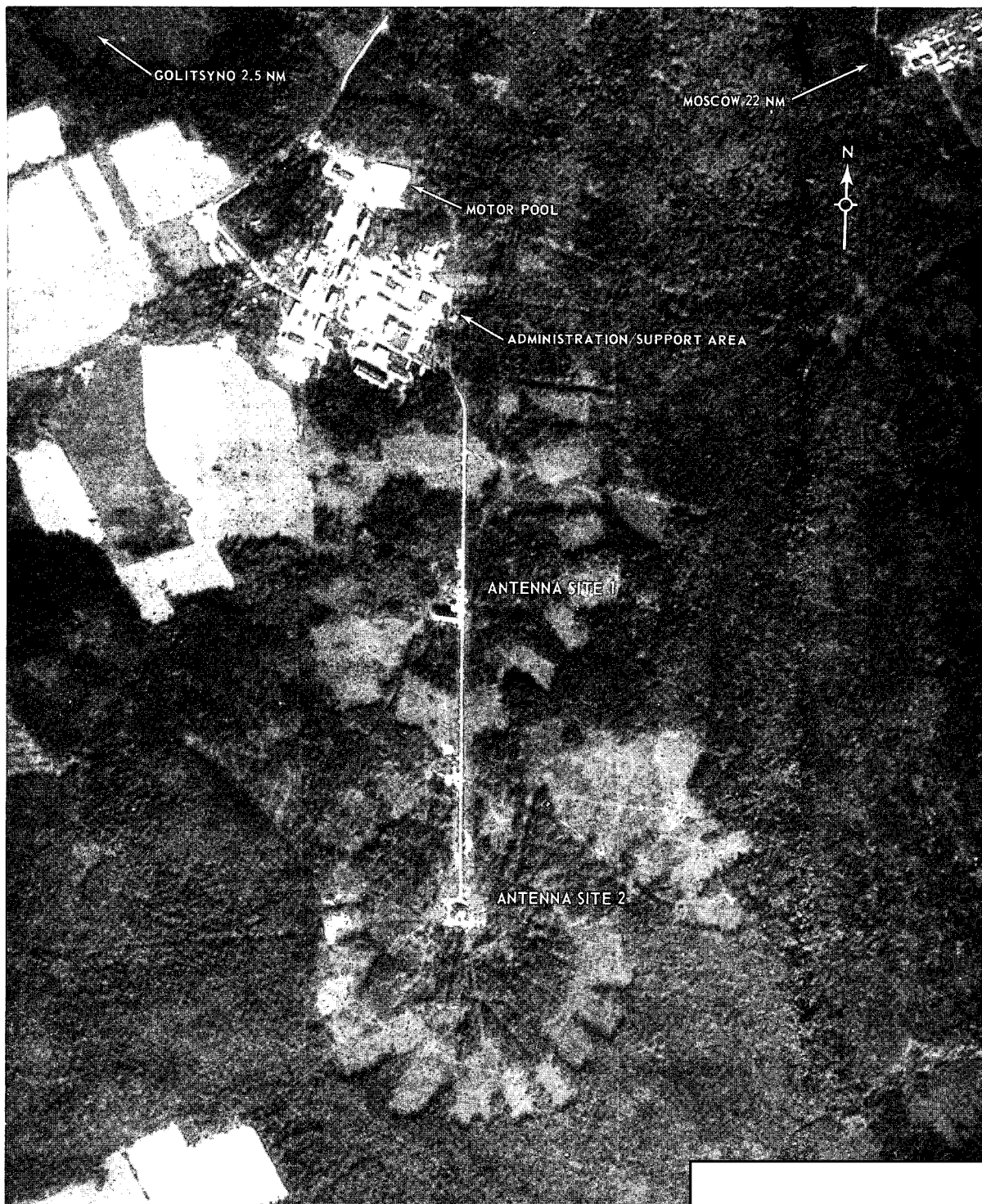


FIGURE 3. GOLITSYNO HF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVING FACILITY,

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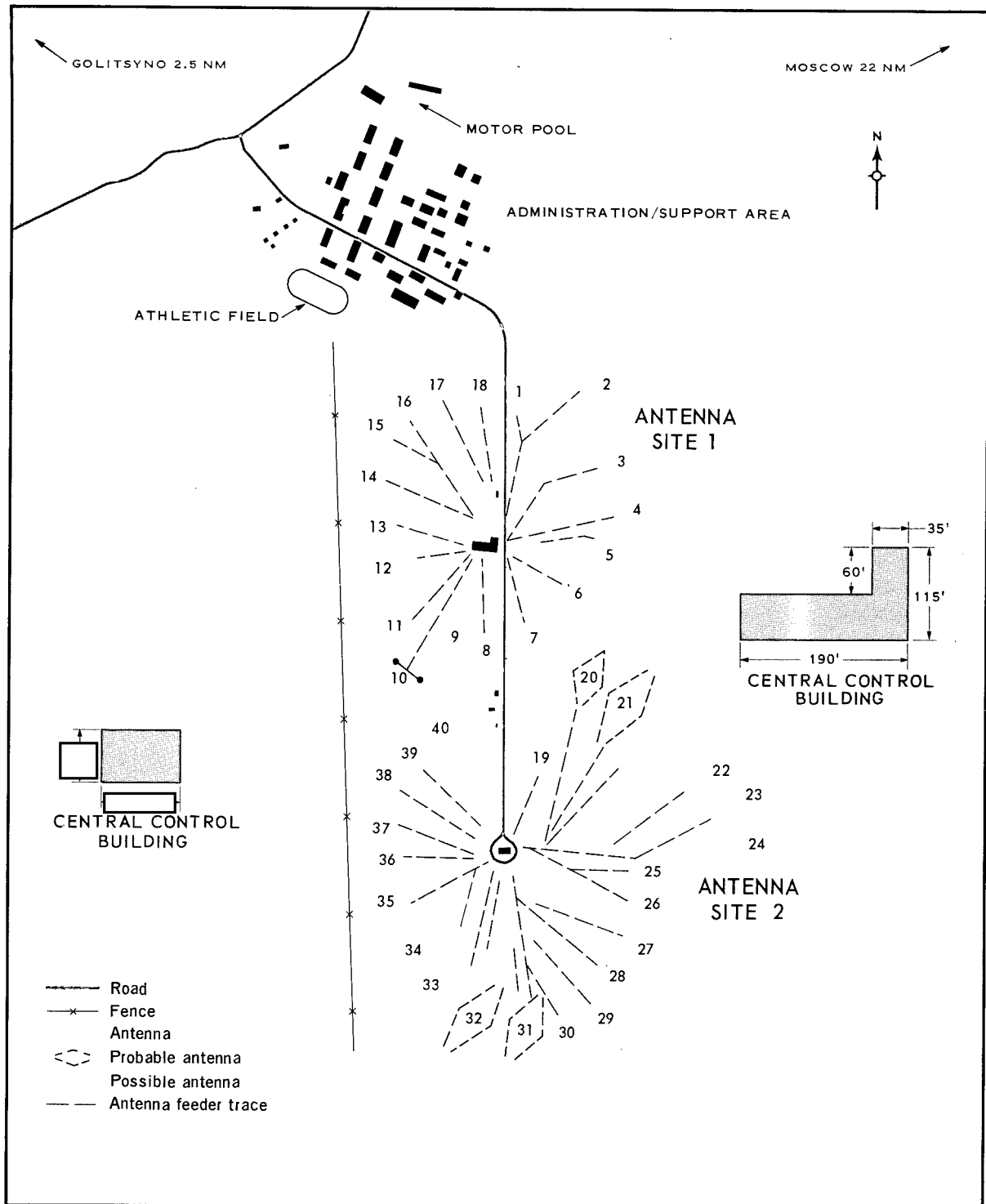


FIGURE 4. LAYOUT OF THE GOLITSYNO HF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVING FACILITY.

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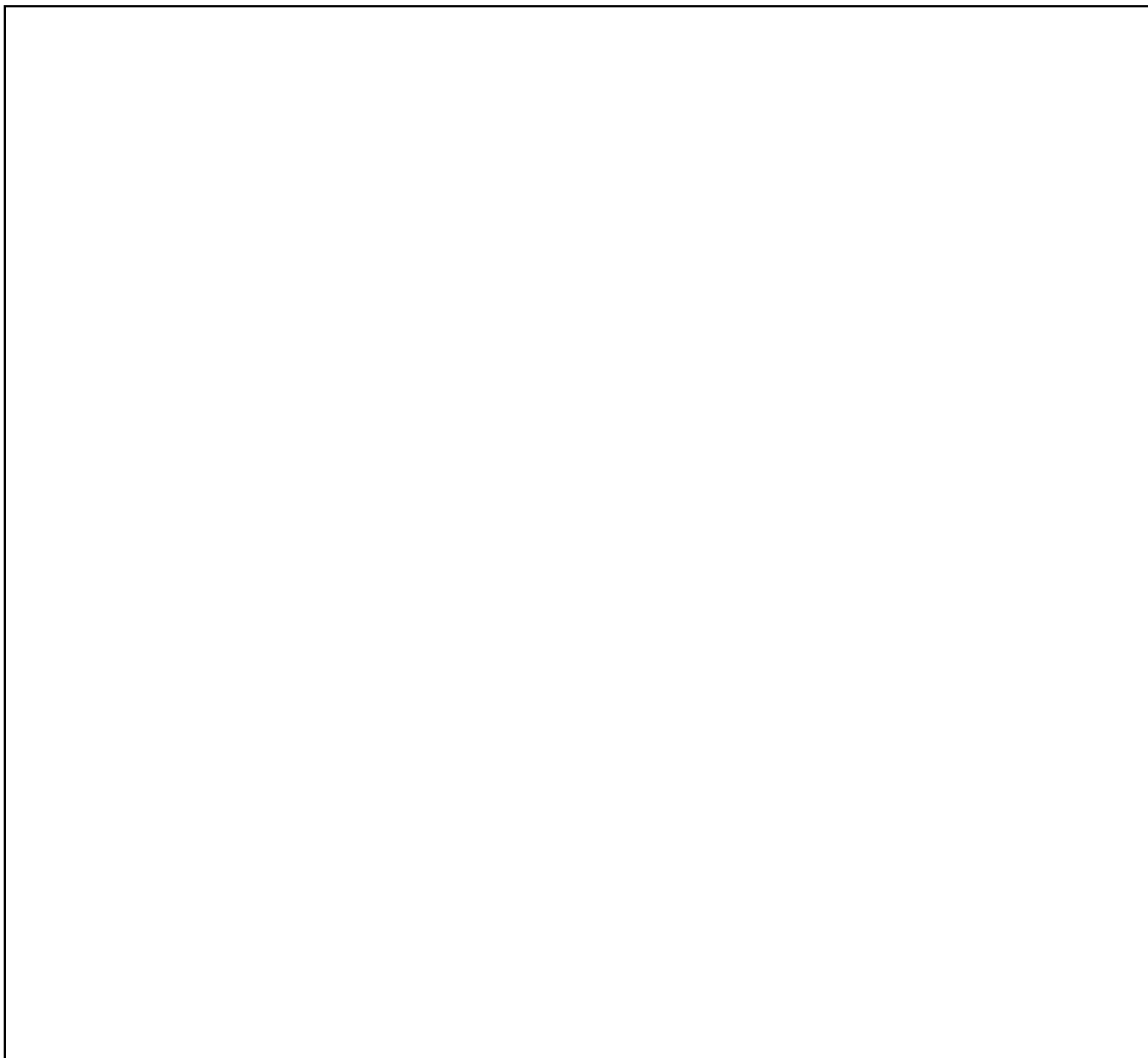
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